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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: White House Meeting on the Congo

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1. The following is for the information of the DCI.

2. On your instructions, I attended this meeting at 1000 on 14 December. Present, among others, were Messrs Ball, Gilpatrick, Admiral Anderson, McGhee, Cleveland, Bundy, Williams, Bowles and Davis.

3. Mr. Ball presented to the President the Department's views on necessary early action in the Congo in support of the Adoula Government and to move Tshombe further down the road of Katangan integration. Particularly discussed was a proposal that the U.S. dispatch a force of F-104s to the Congo. After considerable discussion, the President tentatively agreed that this should be done, with the proviso that the force ostensibly be there at Adoula's invitation and with the approval of the U.N. but not directly under U.N. command. The dispatch of the 104s will presumably be contingent upon the Department, over the weekend, preparing a detailed paper on various steps which the U.S. will undertake in support of this, including the degree of assistance to be provided Adoula if he should decide to govern without Parliament, additional pressure measures to be taken with Tshombe as well as conciliatory gestures to be made by Adoula. Much of the rest of the discussion was devoted to the need for emphasizing the potential Soviet threat in handling publicity which would be attendant on the arrival of the 104s.

4. I was not called upon to make any contribution from the Agency, although I discussed possible Soviet tactics with Mr. Bundy.

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Chief, Africa Division

cc: DDCI

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